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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHOGO KAWAMURA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/986,808

Filed: November 13, 2001

For: A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
AN INK JET RECORDING HEAD, AN
INK JET RECORDING HEAD
MANUFACTURED BY SUCH
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE,
AND AN INK JET RECORDING
APPARATUS HAVING SUCH INK
JET RECORDING HEAD MOUNTED
THEREON

Examiner: M. Brooke

Group Art Unit: 2853

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the election-of-species requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 23, 2003.

A careful review of the specification reveals that the various species are closely related and would not require separate fields of search. Accordingly, neither Applicants nor the Patent and Trademark Office should be put to the trouble and expense entailed in multiple filing and prosecution. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the public at large should not be required to obtain and study separate patent documents in order to have available all of the issued patent claims covering the invention.

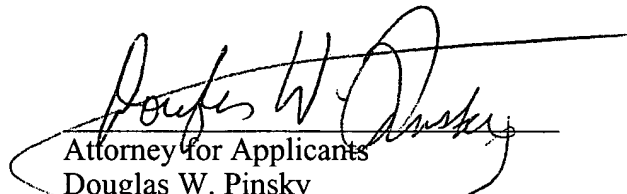
Nevertheless, in order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.143, Applicants provisionally elect Species 1, represented by Figs. 6-11 and 21-24A. It is respectfully submitted that at least Claims 9-11, 13, 17, 22 and 23 read on the elected species. Applicants note the Examiner has indicated that Claims 9 and 11 are generic.

Finally, Applicants understand that, in accordance with the Examiner's telephonic election requirement, Species 3 is represented by Figs. 15-17, not 15-19.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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